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Dear Chuck:

DIV. OF OIL, GAS &amp; MINING

I am in receipt of your letter dated May 1, 2006 regarding the Mill Fork exploration on Lease ML-48258. It is my intent to get Energy West into the Mill Fork area as quickly as is possible given the constraints we are under, which constraints you have adequately explained in the above letter. I appreciate the additional information you have supplied and I have directed my staff to review the project in light of the information.

Specifically I have asked my biologist, Jeff Jewkes, to review the goshawk surveys done in 2004 and 2005 and to plot nest locations in relation to proposed drill hole locations. We will have to assume that any nests located in the last 2 years are active for 2006 because we won't have current year monitoring information that indicates otherwise. I have also asked Jeff to review the elk calving and deer fawning Forest Plan standard in relation to the project area and in relation to helicopter drilling. Drilling operations not within the nest buffer area, and not affecting elk calving, may start as soon as the Decision Memo is signed, appropriate bonding, and a Special Use Permit is in place. This review should be done by today, May 23, 2006.

I agree that Energy West has a proven record in environmental stewardship. The use of helicopters for drilling has minimal impacts and we appreciate Energy West being a leader in this technology. I also value our working relationship and hope that by working together we can make the June 1<sup>st</sup> date.

Sincerely,

MESIA NYMAN  
District RangerCc: DOGM  
Chris Colt  
Don Stephens  
Jeff McKenzie  
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